

Press Release
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Kunsthhaus Zürich commencing a search for new director

The Kunsthhaus Zürich is commencing the search to find a new director succeeding the current director, Dr Christoph Becker, who has successfully managed the museum over the past 20 years and strongly contributed to its superior positioning. He will step down in the course of 2022.

A year ago, the Zürcher Kunstgesellschaft communicated its intention to make a change in management with the opening of the Kunsthhaus Zürich's extension and to entrust the museum to a new director.

Walter B. Kielholz, President of the Zürcher Kunstgesellschaft: 'On behalf of the Zürcher Kunstgesellschaft, I would like to thank Christoph Becker today for his professional and personal commitment, in particular for connecting important collections to the Kunsthhaus Zürich, the operational responsibility for the challenging Chipperfield building, various innovations in existing buildings, and the excellent museum management, even in demanding times like the present'.

The Board of the Zürcher Kunstgesellschaft has appointed a search committee consisting of board members and internationally experienced experts:

- Walter B. Kielholz, President of the Zürcher Kunstgesellschaft
- Hedy Graber, Member of the Board, Zürcher Kunstgesellschaft
- Peter Haerle, Member of the Board, Zürcher Kunstgesellschaft, Director of Culture, City of Zurich
- Ben Weinberg, Member of the Board, Zürcher Kunstgesellschaft
- Anne Keller Dubach, Assessor of the Board, Zürcher Kunstgesellschaft, Chair of the Board of Trustees, Swiss Institute for Art Research, Zurich
- Pipilotti Rist, artist, Zurich
- Sheena Wagstaff, Leonard A. Lauder Chair, Modern and Contemporary Art, the Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York
- Achim Borchardt-Hume, Director, Exhibitions and Programmes, Tate Modern, London
- Philipp Demandt, Director, Städel Museum, the Liebieghaus Skulpturensammlung and the Schirn Kunsthalle, Frankfurt.

Christoph Becker's successor is expected to be appointed in spring 2021 and to take over following an adequate hand-over phase in 2022.

The position is advertised on www.kunsthhaus.ch as well as in key media in Switzerland and abroad.

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